

South Shore Kennel Club

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Canon of Ethics:

- a. This Code of Ethics is devised in accordance with the aims, objectives and regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club.
- b. Each member of the South Shore Kennel Club has an obligation to protect the interests of his breed by conducting himself in a manner designed to reflect credit on himself, his breed, and on the South Shore kennel Club.
- c. No member will deliberately degrade any fancier, his breed, or his kennel operation by making false or misleading statements.
- d. All members shall help educate the public in the standard and care of his breed or breeds and in all other areas where he is qualified.
- e. It is considered to be unethical for any South Shore Kennel Club member to sell dogs to, or buy dogs from, or breed dogs with, any pet shop, or any wholesaler dealing in dogs; or to knowingly sell to, or buy dogs from or breed dogs with, any breeder who sells to pet shops; or to allow his stock to become raffle, lottery, or competition prizes.
- f. Members of the South Shore Kennel Club will maintain the best possible standards of health and care of all dogs for which they are responsible.

2. Responsibilities of the Breeder - The Breeder shall -

- a. Be familiar with the breed standard and use this knowledge in his breeding program.
- b. Use for breeding only dogs which are mentally stable, physically healthy and believed to be free from serious congenital and/or hereditary defects.
- c. Be familiar with CKC rules concerning record-keeping, registration, and sale and transfer of dogs, and abide by these rules.
- d. Produce puppies only when he has the time and facilities to provide adequate attention to physical and mental development until such time as they are transferred to new homes.
- e. Breed a bitch only if she is in robust health and is mature.
- f. Never breed from a bitch more often than is prudently necessary for the improvement of the breed; and no bitch should raise unaided, at one time, more puppies than she can handle.

3. Responsibilities of the Seller - The seller shall -

- a. Be willing to cover all sales by a written contract - listing registration numbers of both sire and dam and litter registration number of dog (if available), condition of sale, description of quality of dog, complete health record, and three-generation pedigree.
- b. Inform the buyer that newly purchased dog be examined by the buyer's veterinarian (at buyer's expense) within 48 hours of sale. If, as a result of this examination, the dog is returned to the seller for health reasons within this period, the seller must refund all monies received.

c. Sell a dog showing deviation from the standard, rendering it unsuitable for breeding, only if surgically neutered and/or with a CKC non-breeding contract.

d. Inform buyer of growth potential and breed peculiarities, etc.

e. Be morally obligated to refund purchase price of a show prospect to an agreed upon pet-puppy price, or replace any show prospect dog, at the seller's option, if it shows a serious congenital or hereditary disorder within the first 24 months of age (diagnosed by a competent veterinarian) rendering it unsuitable for showing and/or breeding.

f. Be obligated to buy back or replace, at the seller's option, any pet puppy if it developed any genetic defect within the first 24 months of age which prevents its being a healthy, happy pet.

g. At all time be extremely cautious when advertising or selling, as to the true and realistic description of young stock, in case he should inadvertently be implying guaranteed show success.

h. Not use breeding terms to foist stock on those people unable to afford the price of a puppy, and such agreements should only be used to place dogs in homes where their welfare and the furtherance of the breed have been fully investigated. A written contract should then be drawn up.

i. Offer assistance in training and grooming to all buyers, and maintain friendly follow-up interest to ensure satisfaction.

4. Responsibilities of the Stud Owner - The stud owner shall -

a. Not offer at stud a dog known to carry on manifest defective genes of structure or temperament considered detrimental to the breed, unless said defects are known to the owner of the bitch.

b. Not accept for breeding any bitch, the reproduction of which is likely to be detrimental to the breed. The offspring of a breeding should be a credit to the breed, and to ourselves.

c. Not breed a bitch before she is both physically and mentally mature.

d. Refrain from breeding a bitch owned by a party known to sell to pet shops, pet dealers, or other sources of distribution, or who allow their stock to become raffle, lottery or competition prizes.

e. Make every effort to inform the owner of the bitch of the responsibilities of involvement in the rearing and proper care and placement of puppies resulting from this breeding.

f. When a puppy (ies) is taken in lieu of stud fee or as part of breeding terms, be fully responsible for the condition of the puppy at the time of sale and not sell such puppy unseen.

5. Enforcement -

a. Each member of the South Shore Kennel Club will receive a copy of the Code of Ethics. No applicant will be accepted for membership until he has signed a statement on his application certifying that he has read, understands, and will abide by the Code of Ethics.

b. An Arbitration committee, consisting of the officers of the club, is available to settle any dispute between Club members or between a member and non-member, concerning any sale or breeding of dogs. Complaints must be given to the Committee in writing.

c. This Code becomes effective on June 25, 1979.